

REPLICA OF HOUDON BUST OF WASHINGTON FOR LODGMET IN THE PAN AMERICAN BUILDING

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Mr. LUCE, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11799]

The President transmitted to Congress the following communication from the Secretary of State:

The Director General of the Pan American Union has called my attention to the fact that when the plans for the erection of the Pan American Building were completed it was contemplated to devote the three wings of the upper hall surrounding the patio to a gallery of national heroes in honor of the great patriots of the American countries and that it was then decided that each Government which is a member of the Pan American Union should present for this purpose a white marble bust, with a suitable pedestal, of the national hero of such country. I am further informed by the director general that most of the countries have presented busts of their national heroes and that these are now in place; that one of the few busts lacking is that of Washington; that the bust of Washington now in the Hall of the Americas of the Pan American Building has been lent to the Pan American Union by Mrs. Henry F. Dimock; that the Fine Arts Commission has visited the Pan American Building; and that the commission's expert on sculpture has informed the director general that it will be possible to secure a replica of the Houdon bust of Washington at a cost of \$1,000. The director general adds that the fact that the United States has never presented a bust of its national hero has been the subject of considerable criticism, and he expresses the hope that it may be found possible to request of Congress an appropriation of \$1,000 for the purpose of securing a replica of the Houdon bust.

I beg to submit the matter to you to the end that it may, if you perceive no objection to such course, be submitted to Congress with a view to obtaining the appropriation desired.

After the proposal of the Secretary of State had received the approval of the Director of the Budget, the President transmitted it to Congress with the following communication:

I transmit herewith a report by the Secretary of State, recommending an appropriation of \$1,000 for the purpose of securing a replica of the Houdon bust of Washington for lodgment in the Pan American Building, in fulfillment of a

decision that each Government which is a member of the Pan American Union should present a white marble bust, with a suitable pedestal, of the national hero of such country.

The request of the Secretary of State has my approval, and I strongly recommend the request to the favorable consideration of Congress.

In accordance with his recommendation, the Committee on the Library reports the bill favorably with the recommendation that it be passed.

